

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A dispersion comprising a thermoplastic cellulose polymer or a derivative thereof, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, an alkaline earth metal salt of a C₉-C₂₀ aliphatic fatty acid, a surfactant and further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: a metal carbonate a white metal oxide, a solvent, a rust inhibitor and a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer.
2. (Original) The dispersion of claim 1 comprising a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer.
3. (Original) The dispersion of claim 2 wherein the lower alkyl methacrylate polymer is an ethyl methacrylate polymer.
4. (Original) The dispersion of claim 1 comprising a metal carbonate, a white metal oxide, a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer and a solvent.
5. (Original) The dispersion of claim 1 comprising a metal carbonate, a white metal oxide, a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer, a solvent and a rust inhibitor.
6. (Original) The dispersion of Claim 1 in a solid form.
7. (Original) The dispersion of Claim 4 in a solid form.
8. (Original) The dispersion of Claim 5 in a solid form.
9. (Original) The dispersion of Claim 6 in a granulated form.
10. (Original) The dispersion of Claim 7 in a granulated form.
11. (Original) The dispersion of Claim 8 in a granulated form.
12. (Original) A primer comprising the dispersion of Claim 1 and, a primer solvent.
13. (Original) The primer of claim 12 further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₆ ester, a polymeric plasticizer and a halogenated, polyolefin.
14. (Original) The primer of claim 13 further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: an alcohol, a polyhydroxy magnesium silicate derivate, and a silicon dioxide powder.
15. (Original) A primer comprising a primer solvent, a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer, a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₅ ester, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, a polymeric plasticizer, a halogenated polyolefin and the dispersion of claim 4.

16. (Original) The primer of claim 15 further comprising the dispersion of claim 5.
17. (Original) The primer of claim 15 further comprising an alcohol, a thermoplastic cellulose polymer or a derivative thereof, a polyhydroxy magnesium silicate derivate and a silicon dioxide powder.
18. (Original) A method of manufacturing a primer including the steps of:
mixing a first primer solution comprising a primer solvent and a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer in a first vessel;
mixing a second primer solution comprising the dispersion of claim 6 in a second vessel;
mixing the first primer solution and the second primer solution together to form the primer.
19. (Original) A method of manufacturing a primer comprising:
mixing a first primer solution comprising a primer solvent and a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer;
mixing a second primer solution comprising a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₆ ester, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, and the dispersion of claim 7; and
mixing the first primer solution and the second primer solution together with a primer solvent, a C₁-C₆ ketone, C₁-C₆ ester, a polymeric plasticizer and a halogenated polyolefin to form the primer.
20. (Original) The method of manufacturing a primer of claim 19 wherein the second primer solution comprises the dispersion of claim 8.
21. (Currently amended) A method for coating a surface of an article comprising:
coating the surface with an adhesion promoter comprising an aromatic hydrocarbon, a co-polymer of a C₂-C₆ alkene and a vinyl ester and a chlorinated polyolefin; and
coating the surface with the primer of ~~any one of claims 12-17~~ claim 12 or claim 15.
22. (Currently amended) An article coated with the primer of ~~any one of claims 12-17~~ claim 12 or claim 15.